



Sovereign Grace Church

April 14th, 2024

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

“[God] shall save the humble person.”

(Job 22:29) [Luke 18:9-14]

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MANY seriously err in believing that New Testament water baptism is the corresponding equivalent to Old Testament circumcision. In fact, the New Testament counterpart to Old Testament circumcision is the circumcision of the heart. Just as every male of Old Testament Israel was required to be circumcised in the flesh, so every member of spiritual Israel must experience circumcision of the heart. So, what exactly is this circumcision of the heart? If it means that all the desires of the flesh are cut away from my heart in the new birth, who can find hope that they have been born again? No, the circumcision of the heart is a work of grace done by the Holy Spirit, causing every born-again child of God to have all their confidence in fleshly means cut away as any hope of their salvation. They rejoice in Christ Jesus alone for all their salvation and have no confidence in the flesh. [AMEN!]

— Greg Elmquist

Welcome

SINNERS are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect church, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's *undeserved* grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it! You are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

Announcements

Baptism

Next Sunday, April 21st, the Lord willing, we will have Baptism

Happy Birthday!

Betty Groover, April 17th

Tyler Richards, April 23rd

Alyson Murphy, April 25th

Resources

VISIT our website for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

Saved And Called

“...as many as were ordained to eternal life believed” (Acts 13:48)

WE read in Revelation 18 verse 4, “And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, ‘Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.’” Of course, this is in reference to the Whore of Babylon, the Harlot of all false religion, ‘Come out of her!’ The only way any of us can come out of her, beloved, is by God’s grace, by His effectual call, because He’s already purposed to save us. Is that not what we read in 2nd Timothy 1 verse 9? I love the order there, don’t you? ‘The Gospel according to the power of God, who saved us’; that’s what happened first beloved. When did that happen? Before the foundation of the world, before any of us were born, God purposed to save us and then He called us with a holy calling. You see, God’s not trying to call us, rather, He calls us with an effectual, holy calling—and we’re not saved by works that we’ve done, but rather, we’re saved by God’s grace and purpose, by His grace that He’s purposed to give us in Christ Jesus before the world began.’ We read in 2 Timothy 1 verse 9, it is God, *“Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began. But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel”* (2 Timothy 1:9-10). AMEN!

— JDM

The Lord Alone Must Do It All

“...He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him...” (Hebrews 7:25)

THE very *trials* and *afflictions*, and the sore *temptations* through which God’s family pass, all eventually endear Christ to them. And depend upon it, if you are a child of God, you will sooner or later, in your travels through this wilderness, find your need of Jesus as *“able to save to the uttermost.”* There will be such things in your heart, and such feelings in your mind—the temptations you will meet with will be such—that nothing short of a Saviour that is able to save to the uttermost can save you out of your desperate case and felt circumstances as utterly lost and helpless. This a great point to come to. All trials, all temptations, all strippings, all emptyings that do not end here are valueless—because they lead the soul away from God. But the convictions, the trials, the temptations, the strippings, the emptyings, that bring us to this spot—that *we have nothing*, and *can do nothing*, but *the Lord alone must do it all*—these have a blessed effect, because they eventually make Jesus very near and dear unto us. [AMEN!] — J.C. Philpot

“Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”

“I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” (John 14:6)

OUR Lord said, “*I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*” Don’t miss that blessed word, “ME.” You see, my friend, salvation is found in Christ. And someone will ask, “What about my doubts?” My friend, it is the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ that saves us; it’s not our faithfulness, but ever so blessedly His. You see, God’s elect are “*kept by the power of God through faith [that is, through the faithfulness of Christ] unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time*” (1 Peter 1:5).

Beloved believer, the Word of God declares as clear as words can convey that Christ is “*the author and finisher of our faith.*” On the earth, upon the cross of Calvary, the shout of our victorious King is heard among us declaring that our salvation, “*is finished*” [Numbers 23:21, John 19:30]. And in glory, the King of kings, the Lord of lords, the Alpha and Omega of our salvation, declares the victory again, “*It is done!*” (Revelation 21:6).

My believing friend, tell everyone you know; family, friends, and every enemy: Salvation is in a *person*, and His name is the *Lord Jesus Christ*, and whosoever calls on His name *shall* be saved. While the natural man may cry, “*What must I do to be saved?*” By God’s grace, His faithful servants declare again and again, salvation is not found in steps, it’s not found in doing, but rather ever so blessedly in believing on Him who God sent into the world to save sinners. Reader, are you a sinner? Then rejoice with me, for “*Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.*” AMEN!

— JDM

He Is Able To Save Them

“..He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them” (Hebrews 7:25)

THE Holy Spirit sets forth that our Lord Jesus saves His people “*to the uttermost*”; and why is that? To teach us that salvation is by Him, and only Him, indeed that salvation is of the LORD! [Jonah 2:9]. Any message that teaches that you must do your part and the Lord will do the rest to save you, is no gospel at all! Rather this word *uttermost* tells us that the Lord is *all* of our salvation; indeed, that He is the *author and finisher* of it. For He takes His people (men, women, and children) who are dead in trespasses and sins and saves them to the uttermost!

So who exactly does He do this for? My friend, He does this for those sinners who are ever looking to Him for *all* of their salvation, those who are ever “*looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God*” (Hebrews 12:2). AMEN!

— JDM